

EXTRA.

2 O'CLOCK.

BURIED IN SLUSH.

More Snow Falls Into New York's
Mud and Ice-Laden Streets.

No Impression Made by Beattie's
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Double His Extra \$8,000 Gone,
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of the oldest inhabitant. As the train had
just drawn up at a station the oldest in-
habitant discovered the quick fulfillment of his
prophecy.

It was 7.55 when the oldest inhabitant
discovered his error, and the snow had fallen
softly, steadily, persistently for a couple of
hours, when it took a deceptive vacation. It
mercifully covered, as with a mantle, the
little mountain of dirty frost and mud that had



BURKING DOWN TO THE STONE.
been waiting for Commissioner Beattie's
cleaning since Friday last, and once more
"Beautiful Snow" was restored to good
standing as a popular poem.

The effect of falling snow is marvellous.
Trunks and bags were pictures of cheer
as their sides with their muffled hands
tapped their feet on the forms of their
trunks, while pedestrians turned up their coat-
collars and grumbled.

People exchanged more or less unanimous
views on the question of the necessity for
soon blasted weather, and everybody agreed
that the winter of 1890-91 would go down
in history as the most severe New York had ever
known.

"Clearer and colder!" That does not mean,
in the parlance of the Weather Bureau, that
the temperature will grow cold and colder
as the hours pass by, but that at any given
hour-to-day it will be colder than it was at the
same hour yesterday.

At Hudson's the thermometer recorded 13
degrees at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, while
at the same hour today it was seven degrees
higher, and the air was filled with the falling
snowflakes.

Down in West Street Jerreymen who had
come to market in the early morning bustled
about the ice floes that came down

from the Hudson River in great solid masses
as big as the ferry boats from times
of the "Ferry Boat" era, from Hoboken, had a
serious frost-kill, one of these floating
ice-ships yesterday afternoon. Just as she
was entering the slip at the foot of Barclay
street she collided with the mass of floating
ice, and the shock threw many passengers off
their feet. There was a momentary panic in con-
sequence, and it was forty-five minutes before
the boat could get under way.

The falling snow and the rising temperature
combined to make street navigation anything
but pleasant. The snow and dirt, a six-inch
coating on the pavements, was deeper at the
alleged crossings, and the student who reads
character from feet had a splendid opportunity
for study.

The nearly coating was soon of the consis-
tency of mush and milk. But mush and milk
would have been incomparably more agreeable
for treading than this slush.

Fifty girls in baby boots, peeping out from
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